

ACTION

29 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Unclassified Statement on USSR
Military Posture

1. Last July Congressman Lipscomb asked the Director if CIA would give him a summary statement on the Soviet military posture for him to use on an unclassified basis. At the Director's instruction, we prepared such a statement and supplied it to Mr. Lipscomb through the Legislative Counsel.

2. Mr. Maury's office recently asked us to update the statement. Mr. Lipscomb had requested this, saying that he had found it a very useful document.

3. The revision is attached. It is an unclassified statement in the sense that the discussion can generally be attributed to public sources.

4. I have sent a copy to Mr. Maury but have asked him to hold it until we get a reading from the Director on whether he wants to continue this service to Mr. Lipscomb. There has been little change in the document in the revision. But there has been considerable change in the political situation surrounding the public discussion of Soviet military posture since late July.



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Attachment: a/s

5. Suggest you raise this with the Director.

Jack, I don't like this. as a minimum it should not be attributable to the agency or the DCI. Let us not forget the Director's unclassified letter to Lyngington on our lack of involvement in the Pueblo! Ed